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Earful of evidence: Q-Tip proves Diefenbaker was dad, man says

DNA waxes eloquent. George Dryden hired private eye to collect sample from trash of former PM's cousins

George Dryden says he is going to change his name to George Diefenbaker.

The Toronto man, who has been searching for months for evidence that he is the son of John Diefenbaker, revealed Wednesday a dirty Q-Tip has finally given him the proof he needs.

Unable to find DNA from belongings of the former prime minister at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre in Saskatoon, Dryden spent the summer tracking down some of Diefenbaker's distant cousins in southern Ontario.

When they all refused to give him samples of their DNA, he decided to hire a private investigator. The sleuth collected a Q-Tip, covered with sticky ear wax, after it had been tossed away by one of the relatives, Dryden said.

He says he then had it tested against his own DNA and it revealed a genetic link to the Diefenbaker family.

The sample is not enough to prove conclusively he's the former prime minister's son, but Dryden said it shows he's a Diefenbaker by blood and that's all the proof he needs.

"I feel like I've done enough to prove it," Dryden said, adding he'll next be changing his last name to mark the discovery.

Dryden said his mission is now over. And proving Diefenbaker is his dad is not about getting any money. There is no estate or inheritance to claim, he said. "The first thing I wanted to do was confirm he was my father, which, as far as I'm concerned, I have done. And whatever comes next comes next."

The 43-year-old businessman, who bears a strong resemblance to the former Conservative leader, claims his mother had an affair with Diefenbaker in the 1960s. Diefenbaker died in 1979.

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Hair sample

- Last week, the Diefenbaker Centre discovered a lock of child's hair labelled as belonging to Diefenbaker. It was discovered during renovations.
- The museum offered a piece of it to George Dryden for testing but he said there was no point. Because the hair has no roots, it likely has no DNA, he said.

George Dryden, shown in this photo taken last year, has been searching for months for evidence that he is the son of John Diefenbaker. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Broten enters NDP race

MLA Cam Broten is the first to enter the Saskatchewan NDP's leadership contest PAGE 2

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Broten kicks off campaign for Sask. NDP leadership

Throwing his hat in the ring. MLA says he wants to win back province's rural voters

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The Saskatchewan NDP leadership race has its first candidate.

On Wednesday afternoon, Cam Broten, MLA for Saskatoon Massey Place, threw his hat into the ring.

"I'm really excited about where we are as a party," said Broten. "It is at the phase now where we're doing the proper building that needs to occur so we're once again appealing to the Saskatchewan people."

In his announcement — made from his campaign headquarters in Saskatoon — Broten said he'll be focusing on making Saskatchewan a stronger province and society. He said he will focus on a more diverse party, education and improved health care.

"Those are some of the main causes that bring us a healthy society," said Broten.

He also said he'll be trying to win back rural voters he feels are being neglected by the Saskatchewan Party.

"I think in many rural parts of the province the Saskatchewan Party takes the vote for granted," said Broten. "Part of the approach is asking rural people to take a second look at us and to ask individuals to take a look at what we're talking about."

Current seats

Current seats in the legislature:

- Saskatchewan party: 49
- NDP: 9
- Total: 58

Quoted

"I think in many rural parts of the province the Saskatchewan Party takes the vote for granted."

Cam Broten, MLA for Saskatoon Massey Place

Cam Broten, with his wife, Ruth, and youngest daughter, Clara, announces on Wednesday his intention to run for the leadership of the Saskatchewan NDP. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

No conspiracy here: Local cupcakes sweeten country stars

Christin Butcher, owner of The Cupcake Conspiracy, uses her grandmother's recipe to create her peanut- and nut-free cupcakes. She will be featuring her signature saskatoon-berry cupcake in the swag lounge at the 2012 CCMAs. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

When organizers first contacted Christin Butcher, owner of local bakery The Cupcake Conspiracy, about having her creations presented in the swag lounge at the 2012 Canadian Country Music Awards, she wasn't too sure about the idea.

But realizing she would be representing the city, Butcher jumped at the opportunity.

"We're very excited — it's pretty cool," she said. "It's a great opportunity to showcase our local products."

While the swag given to performers and presenters at the CCMAs is full of goodies from companies across the country, The Cupcake Conspiracy is one of only two local companies represented — the other being the Beverly Ashdown Day Spa.

"It's a big honour to be chosen," said Butcher. "Saskatoon is really good at supporting its local businesses."

Butcher said that they will be baking their saskatoon-berry cupcake for the swag lounge, which is graham-wafer cake filled with saskatoon-berry pie filling and topped with whipped cream.

"It seems to really sum up what Saskatoon is," said Butcher.

Butcher and her team of bakers will make between 75 to 150 cupcakes a day between Thursday and Sunday, delivering them fresh to the swag lounge.

She will also be featuring the saskatoon-berry cupcake at The Cupcake Conspiracy's downtown storefront during the same period.

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Canadian content

Swag at the CCMAs includes treats and gifts from some unique Canadian companies, including:

- Whistler Water
- Heys Luggage
- The Butler Collection

Quebec government

Election results to have little effect on Fransaskois

The president of Assemblée communautaire fransaskoise says Quebec's new minority government will have little power and even less impact on more than 50,000 francophones living in Saskatchewan.

Paul Heppelle says he expects little to change with the Parti Québécois only winning 55 of 125 seats, well short of the 63 seats needed to form a majority government.

Heppelle added the party's mandate of sovereignty also doesn't concern him.

"Francophones outside Quebec want to see Canada unified. We have dealt with separation governments before," said Heppelle. METRO

Coal-fired power

Emissions rules weakened since draft stage

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent has announced long-awaited regulations to curtail emissions from the coal-fired electricity sector — and they are already being panned by critics.

The regulations are weaker than the version drafted a year ago.

Kent announced the final regulations in Saskatoon, detailing that new coal plants must emit less than 420 tonnes of carbon dioxide per gigawatt hour of electricity generated.

The standard in the draft version was 375 tonnes.

The time allowed for old plants to meet the new standard will be 50 years, instead of the previously proposed 45 years.

Several environmental groups, including the Climate Action Network and the Pembina Institute, immediately issued statements calling the new regulations inadequate.

The Sierra Club says the policy further relaxes "already grossly inadequate regulations for coal-fired power plants."

The new regulations will come into force on July 1, 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mobile news

Thought public proposals couldn't get any more (insert adjective here)? Scan the code to watch a groom with a bleeding heart fake one in the name of love.

Lake mystery. Police tight-lipped over torso found in suitcase

A rotting torso was found stuffed inside a suitcase floating in Lake Ontario off the shore of a Toronto park Wednesday.

But police wouldn't say if the discovery was connected to the slaying and dismemberment of Toronto woman Guang Hua Liu.

Police said two boaters spotted the suitcase about 2.5 kilometres from shore in Toronto's east-end.

The boaters towed the suitcase to shore and contacted authorities, who searched the waters but found nothing further. The coroner was brought in and conducted an initial investigation.

"The coroner has determined at this time the contents of that suitcase to be that of human remains, to be specific, that of a badly decomposed torso," said Toronto police Det. Les Dunkley.

An autopsy was ordered for Thursday.

Parts of 41-year-old Guang Hua Liu's body — but not her torso — were found in mid-August scattered west of Toronto and near her home in the city.

Liu's estranged boyfriend, Chun Qi Jiang, 40, was arrested Aug. 26 and charged with second-degree murder.

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Quoted

"Until we get the results of (the) post-mortem examination, Toronto police (are) treating this as a suspicious-death investigation."

Det. Les Dunkley

Conflict case. Toronto's mayor Ford pleads case

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford repeatedly denied doing anything wrong as he faced an Ontario judge Wednesday over a conflict-of-interest allegation that could see him kicked out of office.

Ford is in trouble over donations he solicited using an official city letterhead for his private football foundation.

He admitted he had his staff help him stuff envelopes and address them to 11 potential donors but said he paid for the stamps and envelopes himself.

The city's integrity commissioner, Janet Leiper, had found Ford's actions violated the conduct code for councillors. Some of the $3,150 received was from lobbyists and the commissioner recommended Ford pay back the funds.

He never made the repayments, despite several reminders from the commissioner.

Paul Magder, a Toronto resident, launched the lawsuit last March alleging Ford violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

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Was Marois intended target in gun attack?

Charges pending. Sudden panic ended post-election euphoria as Quebec premier-elect was dragged off stage to safety

Charges are expected soon in a shooting that may have targeted Quebec's premier-in-waiting.

The attack at a Parti Québécois victory celebration Tuesday sent shockwaves across Canada.

Police were questioning the only suspect Wednesday.

He was being evaluated at a Montreal hospital, and a police spokesperson said he expects a court arraignment Thursday morning.

Police sources said the suspect is 62-year-old Richard Henry Bain, owner of a fishing retreat north of Montreal.

The gunman was wearing a housecoat and balaclava when he was tackled by police after two people were shot, one of whom died.

Police don't rule out the possibility that premier-designate Pauline Marois was the shooter's target.

While he was being taken away into a police vehicle, the suspect shouted an expletive and spoke of an awakening of English-speaking Quebecers.

Marois pleaded for calm Wednesday. "Never, never will I accept that Quebec is associated with violence," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec premier-designate Pauline Marois reacts Wednesday as she comments on the post-election shooting in Montreal. "Never, never will I accept that Quebec is associated with violence," she declared.

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Charest: 'We are blessed'

Jean Charest is ending a stormy 28-year political career — including the last nine years as Quebec premier.

Charest, a staunch federalist who served as federal Progressive Conservative leader before becoming Quebec Liberal leader in 1998, spent a good part of his announcement in Quebec City Wednesday praising Canada.

"We are all blessed to have been born in this country," said Charest, 54.

But the longtime premier also hailed Quebecers, who elected him premier in 2003, 2007 and 2008.

"We are a people of dreamers but also builders," he said.

Charest's resignation will take effect in a few days when the Parti Québécois officially takes power.

Charest lost his own seat in the provincial election.

He prided himself during his three mandates as premier as a sound economic manager, particularly during the 2008 economic crisis.

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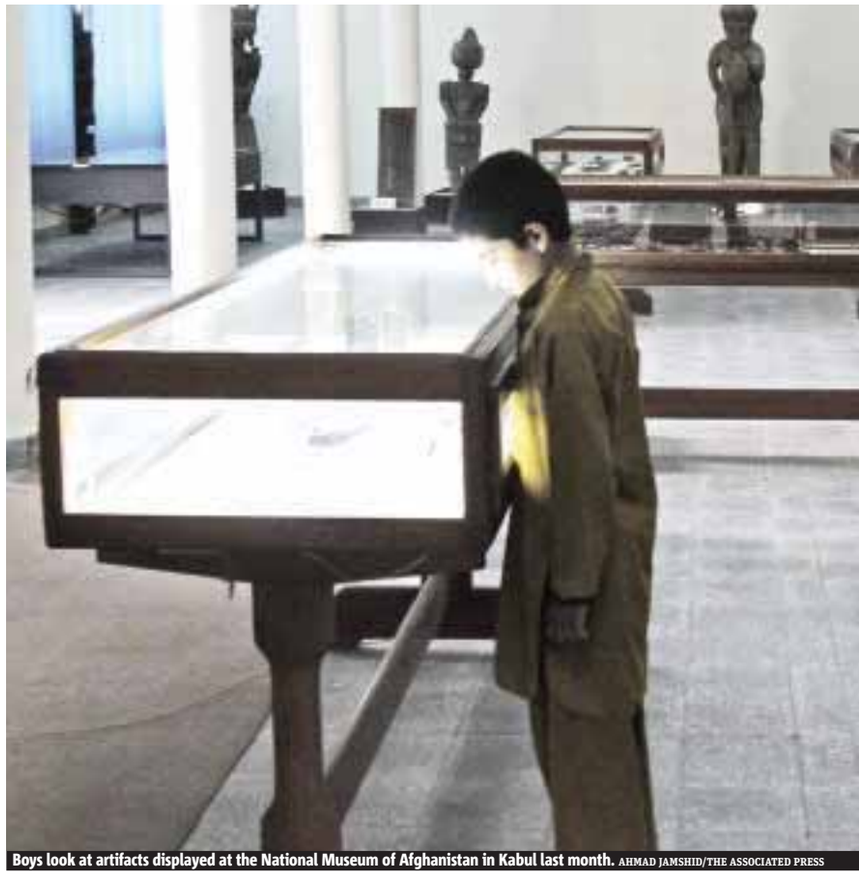

Boys look at artifacts displayed at the National Museum of Afghanistan in Kabul last month. AHMAD JAMSHID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Looted artifacts' return helps rebuild Afghan museum

Weathering war. National museum overcomes decades of hardship to restore facility to pre-war reputation as one of region's finest

Right down to the power cuts that frequently plunge its artifacts into shadow, the National Museum of Afghanistan is a symbol of the country's decades of hardships. Its building was shelled, looted and caught fire during the civil war in the 1990s. Taliban extremists later smashed many centuries-old statues.

Now, the museum is slowly rebuilding, thanks to international efforts to return thousands of looted treasures — and to heroic Afghan staff members who hid its most priceless works during the war years and kept the secret for more than a decade.

The museum welcomed home nearly 850 Afghan artifacts in early August — including a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age axe, a first-century ivory elephant carving and a life-sized Buddha statue — that were either stolen from the museum or illegally excavated during decades of insecurity.

The museum welcomed home 850 Afghan artifacts in August. AHMAD JAMSHID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The British Museum catalogued and helped return the pieces in co-operation with British authorities, who seized many from smugglers. It was the second major handover of Afghan historical pieces by the British Museum. In 2009, about 1,500 historical pieces were returned.

The aim is to restore the facility to its pre-war reputation as one of the finest in the region, with displays ranging from the Bronze Age to more contemporary Islamic art.

The museum's latest acquisition is a Buddha statue estimated at about 1,700 years old. Looted from the museum during the civil war that followed the Soviet occupation, the statue turned up in Japan in a private collection before it was bought by an anonymous donor who arranged for the return to its Afghan home.

In 2001, the Taliban dynamited a pair of giant Buddhas carved into a mountain in Bamiyan province. Around the same time, the Taliban also rampaged through the national museum, smashing any art depicting the human form, considered idolatrous under their hardline interpretation of Islam. In all, they destroyed about 2,500 statues.

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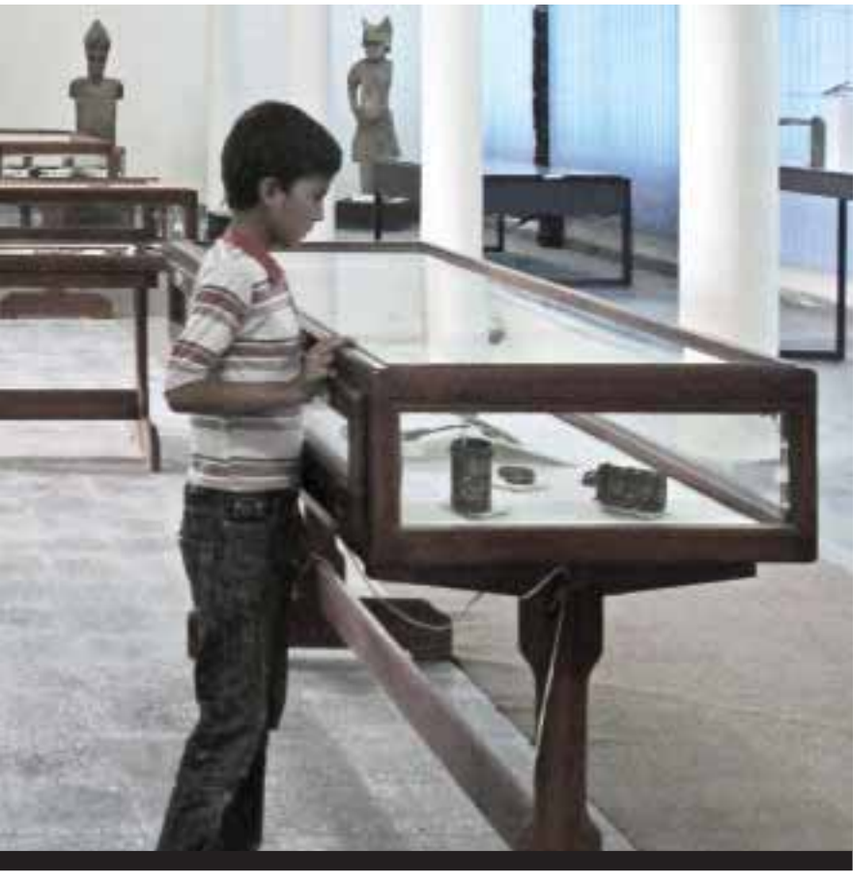

A worker examines artifacts handed over to the National Museum of Afghanistan in Kabul. MUSADEQ SADEQ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Hidden treasure

The National Museum was once renowned for having one of the region's finest collections, with some 100,000 artifacts.

- But after Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989, museum workers became increasingly concerned as the country deteriorated into civil war.
- So, in 1989, several staff members packed up some of the museum's most treasured pieces — including the legendary "Bactrian gold," an intricate collection of tens of thousands of gold and silver coins, crowns and jewelry more than 2,000 years old — and hid them in two locations in Kabul, one of them a secret vault under Kabul's central bank.
- The pieces remained hidden until 2003, when their existence was revealed. Now the Bactrian gold and other rescued artifacts are on a tour of museums around the world, having already been displayed in New York, Paris and London.

Probe.
Soldiers fired over insider attacks

Afghan authorities have detained or removed hundreds of soldiers in an investigation into rising insider attacks against international service personnel who are their supposed partners in the fight against Taliban insurgents and other militants, officials said Wednesday.

The crackdown is the result of the Afghan Defence Ministry's effort to re-evaluate soldiers to stem the attacks, which are complicating plans to train Afghan forces so that most foreign troops can withdraw from the country by the end of 2014. President Hamid Karzai's government hopes Afghan forces can take responsibility for security nationwide by that time.

The U.S. military is taking precautionary measures and recently stopped training about 1,000 members of the Afghan Local Police, a controversial network of village-defence units that is growing but remains a fraction of the country's army and police force. Karzai has expressed concern that without careful vetting, the program could end up arming local troublemakers, strongmen or criminals.

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BOILING DOWN AN EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL OF HARD YUKS

HE SAYS...
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It's a well-accepted fact that we go through 12 years of school to remember about 12 minutes of material.

Humorist Stephen Leacock pointed this out almost a century ago, and if he were alive he'd be pleased to see that not much has changed. (He'd probably also be pleased that he lived to be 140.)

For example, here's what I learned during 12 years of math:

1) Long division. I do not remember short division, if there is such a thing.

2) Some people call math maths. This is wrong, even if it's right.

3) Order of operations. This is important, because it allows you to answer skill-testing questions.

4) Though math has been around for thousands of years, educators are always discovering "new math." How it improves on old math, I'm not sure.

Our lack of retention is interesting to think about as people head back to university, and it seems particularly relevant to me because I went to comedy school for two years.

"Can they really teach comedy?" is the question I hear most often, which is fair enough. To answer the question, here is what I retained from two years of comedy school.

- Acting:
  1) Don't act. Just read the lines.
  2) No, read the lines better than that.
  3) You're terrible.
  4) My acting teacher had real, honest-to-goodness conversations with Michael Cera and Keanu Reeves. They are cool people who don't mind having their names dropped.
- Standup:
  1) People who think they're bad at standup are often good at it. People who think they are great at standup are usually terrible.
  2) The only standup comic in the world who enjoys Dane Cook is Dane Cook.
  3) Running over your allotted time is the comedy equivalent of peeing on the toilet seat.
  4) When stuck for an idea, think of anything — anything — other than genitalia. Please. For me.
- Sketch:
  1) When performing a stage show, best not to write a sketch that includes two car chases, an explosion, and the stage direction "A helicopter descends ..."
  2) Rubber chickens ARE funny. Seriously.
  3) Reading jokes from a 1940s joke book is a hilarious break between sketches, particularly if the joke contains the word "haberdashery."
- Improv:
  1) If someone says, "Welcome aboard, captain — shuttle ready for launch," the correct response is not "But this isn't a rocket ship! It's a driving exam!"
  2) When your substitute improv teacher is the Philadelphia Cream Cheese angel, you have chosen the right school.

And that's what you learn at comedy school.

I have condensed eight months of study into 444 words, so if you could send the $5,000 tuition to my address in Toronto, that would be great. With that kind of funding, I'll get that helicopter sketch off the ground in no time.

Think school is a waste of time? You're right. ISTOCK

Taking a bath just beak-ause

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South African wildlife

55 penguins covered in oil after spill

An African penguin is washed by staff at the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, after it was found covered in oil on Robben Island near Cape Town, South Africa, Wednesday.

Around 55 penguins have been found covered in oil from a spill involving the stricken Turkish bulk carrier the Seli One.

The birds are being cleaned and will be returned to the wild after recuperating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A penguin covered in oil sits in the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds.

Waddling away

Oil carrier gets caught in storm

As the Seli One was travelling along the coast of Dolphin Beach, South Africa, on Friday, a storm hit, which led to an oil leak.

So far, 10 cubic metres of oil have been removed. According to news reports, the Department of Environmental Affairs is conducting an aerial surveillance to determine how much oil remains offshore. Operations are expected to cease by Friday. METRO

Area affected

1 km

The oil has spread over one kilometre along the coastline, and runoff continues to pollute the surrounding area.

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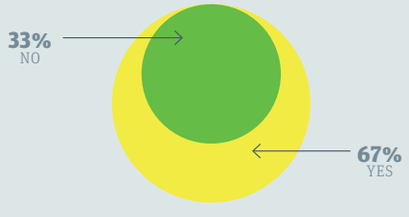

Twitter

@MannyRey88: Being in Saskatoon just makes me realize how great it is to grow up in a small town #country

@jdpitman: I really need to get a separate twitter account for when I drink.

@chrixmorix: "Bummer morning" isn't as fun as it sounds.

@Smilingsandra: Wish we could have gotten Koch back from Eskies instead of trading for Carr.

@pclothespress: Very pleased to hear @cambroten is running for the NDP leadership. Smart, hard-working dude.

@alreiter: do all bands out of saskatoon have a name that ends in 'dogs'?

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User fees mean good business for Ottawa

Budget watchdog. Revenues from goods, services that feds offer public raked in $8B in 2010-11: Report

The federal government has made much about its record in cutting taxes, but a new report shows it is making out like a bandit on user fees.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's report on user fees shows Ottawa raked in just over $8 billion in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

That represents only a small portion of what it gets from taxes, but it's more than double the $3.4 billion it got from user fees a decade earlier. In fact, the PBO says user fees have been increasing at around nine per cent annually since 2000.

User fees are defined as revenues derived from the sale of goods and services the government offers the public.

That can include publications, rentals of lands, buildings and vehicles, or such things as temporary-resident permits and divorce registrations.

The budget watchdog notes that this is not just an Ottawa trend. User fees are rising at the provincial and municipal levels as well, and around the world as governments seek new revenue streams. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Revenue sources

The PBO says five departments — Industry Canada, the RCMP, the Canada Revenue Agency, Natural Resources and Public Works — account for 70 per cent of total revenues from user fees.

- But user fees are rising at the provincial and municipal levels as well.
- In 2010, provinces collected about $31 billion from services to the public, four times what the feds took in, and municipalities earned roughly $18 billion.

Nokia's Lumia to battle iPhone, Android

Steve Ballmer, left, chairman and CEO of Microsoft, and Stephen Elop, CEO of Nokia, introduce Nokia's newest smartphone, the Lumia 920, equipped with Microsoft's Windows Phone 8, on Wednesday in New York. Nokia revealed that its first smartphones will run the next version of Windows, a big step for a company that has bet its future on an alliance with Microsoft. The American market is a trendsetter, but Nokia has been nearly absent from it in the last few years. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pew survey

Mobile-app users doubt privacy

More than half of U.S. mobile-app users say they have decided not to use an app on their phone because of concerns over privacy, a study released Wednesday found. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GOLD $1,694 US (-$2)

BoC. Interest rate stays at one per cent

The Bank of Canada is hinting it will need to keep interest rates at super-low levels for a while longer, saying stronger growth isn't in the cards for the country until next year.

As expected, the bank's policy-setting panel headed by governor Mark Carney kept the trendsetting interest rate at one per cent Wednesday morning, the same level it's held for the past two years.

And while Carney left his tightening bias unchanged — meaning the next move will likely be to raise rates — his suggestion that low interest rates are at least partly responsible for keeping Canada's economic head above water in the face of global turbulence hinted at continuing that policy.

But CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said with the trend of growth at about two per cent, the economy is unlikely to make much progress in closing the output gap — the measure of when the economy is running on all cylinders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Facebook. Zuckerberg commits to keeping shares

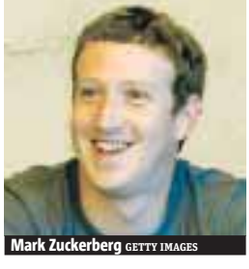
Facebook's stock increased nearly five per cent on Wednesday following a disclosure that its CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, won't sell stock in the company for at least a year.

Zuckerberg holds about 504 million shares and options and had been eligible to start selling them in November.

The company currently has about 692 million shares eligible for sale. The concern is that if Zuckerberg floods the market with additional shares, prices would go down further.

The stock is still trading at less than half of the $38 that it went for in Facebook's May initial public offering. It gained 85 cents, or 4.8 per cent, to close at $18.58 on Tuesday.

Facebook revealed Zuckerberg's commitment in a regulatory filing late Tuesday. It also said that two of its board members, Marc Andreessen and Donald Graham, have no "present intention" to sell stock beyond what they need to cover taxes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mark Zuckerberg GETTY IMAGES

Competitiveness survey. Canada's ranking slips to 14

Canada's economic competitiveness on the world stage is being pulled down by — among other things — government handling of the innovation file, says an annual report from the World Economic Forum.

Canada slipped two notches to 14th place in the forum's ranking of global economic competitiveness.

While the survey finds Canada benefits from highly efficient markets and excellent infrastructure, it is "being dragged down by a less favourable assessment of the quality of its research institutions and the government's role in promoting innovation through procurement practices."

The report also notes a "slight" downward trend in Canada's performance in higher education, "driven by lower university enrollment rates and a decline in the extent to which staff is being trained at the workplace." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two failures

"Canada fails to commercialize its good ideas into marketable products and services or capture the value from growth."

Daniel Muzyka, Conference Board of Canada president and CEO

China. Samsung in hot seat over alleged worker abuse

Fresh off a billion-dollar loss in a patent fight with rival smartphone maker Apple, embattled Samsung Electronics Co. now finds itself accused by a labour-rights group of mistreating workers in China and illegally using child labour.

The New York-based China Labor Watch said its investigation into workplace conditions at eight factories in China showed some employees were working more than 100 hours per month of overtime and that children were knowingly employed.

China Labor Watch also said their investigation of the six Samsung-owned plants and two suppliers showed that safety measures, such as providing workers with protective clothing, were not followed.

The group also accused Samsung of barring workers from sitting during their shifts and said it had documented instances of physical and verbal abuse.

The South Korean electronics giant responded swiftly to the allegations, acknowledging that poor working conditions may have arisen due to production demands and that a review was to immediately take place.

"When new production lines are completed or new products are launched, high demand has led to overtime work," said spokesman James Chung. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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On the web

A week before release of anticipated disc, Bob Dylan reopens theatre in N.Y.

Mobster Jimmy Falcone moves to Regina in new 'toon

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One of organized crime's most notorious figures has taken up residence in Saskatchewan, but residents needn't worry about a rise in criminal activity.

Mobster Jimmy Falcone, formerly of the Gambini crime family, resides in Regina in animated form only.

The new Teletoon original animated series Fugget About It follows Falcone and his family as they transition from New York to witness-protection-plan-enforced life in Regina.

"It's a city full of good-natured, wonderful people," said co-creator Willem Wennekers in a telephone interview.

"And that's a great foil for our mob family's main character, to drop a bunch of hard-nosed New York gangsters among the kindly, salt of the earth people."

The old saying "write what you know" definitely applies to Wennekers. While he may not have any first-hand experience with the mafia, he knows the city the Falcone family is calling home quite well.

The Calgary native studied film and video at the U of R, and lived in the city for seven years before moving to Ontario. He and co-creator Nicholas Tabarrok came up with the idea several years ago and wanted to set the show in Regina from the beginning.

The Falcone family adjusts to life in Regina in the new Teletoon at Night series Fugget About it. HANDOUT

"We both realized we're big fans of The Sopranos and movies like The Godfather and Goodfellas and came up with this idea of taking characters like that and putting them in witness protection in Canada," said Wennekers.

An early attempt at an animated demo didn't pan out, but it did attract some high profile interest. The Daily Show with Jon Stewart's Jason Jones, who lent his talents to the demo and returned as a guest voice on the series, is just one of the big names involved.

"We're very happy to have him and we're happy to have Alan Thicke and the legendary Andrea Martin as guest voices," said Wennekers.

The duo first approached Teletoon with the show idea in 2009, but it wasn't until the network launched its new At Night programming this year that Fugget About It found a home. And while a long career in television is often about as likely as one in organized crime, production has already begun on Season 2 before the premiere episode has even aired.

"Teletoon is very supportive of the show," said Wennekers. "They seem to really like it and they're letting us run with it for now."

The series premiere of Fugget About It runs at 11 p.m. on Friday, on Teletoon.

Why we love the mob

Wennekers understands why people love a good mobster story: "I think audiences can live vicariously through mobsters because they can do basically whatever they want. They have no regard for the law or social conventions; it's fun to watch people like that onscreen."

He's not the only one who thinks so, as three of the top 15 movies of all time as ranked by IMDB users feature mobsters. At No. 15 is Goodfellas, The Godfather Part 2 holds the No. 3 spot and The Godfather comes in at No. 2, beat out only by The Shawshank Redemption.

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Only in Metro. News worth sharing.

Nicki rides with the Republicans?

Nicki Minaj has listeners wondering about her political affiliations after she apparently endorsed Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney in a verse on a new track by Lil Wayne.

"I'm a Republican voting for Mitt Romney. You lazy bitches is f—ing up the economy," Minaj raps, though the line comes immediately after some boasting about her wealth and lifestyle, so it's unclear if the lyric is an actual declaration or just playing with a theme. In any event, it's a bright spot in Romney's recent dealings with musicians after several artists have attacked his campaign for using their songs.

No one's judging: American Idol's empty panel

With only Mariah Carey officially signed on to be a judge, the producers of American Idol are in a frenzied search to lock down the rest of the panel, according to TMZ.

On-air auditions begin in New York in two weeks for contestants and so far the show has failed to work out a final deal with potential judges Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban. Longtime judge Randy Jackson is also reportedly out.

An insider tells TMZ that this year, they are looking to break the one male and two female format to add a second dude to the lineup. At this rate, they might have to lower their standards a bit.

Kim Kardashian would probably be interested.

Mariah Carey

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Thanks for the honesty about Kim, Kanye!

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We've slagged Kanye West in this column before, and we've certainly slagged Kim Kardashian here too. And when it comes to Kanye and Kim as a couple, well, we've really never said a single positive thing about them. But that is about to change.

See, the biggest gripe we had with Kim was that she was undeservedly famous, since she never exhibited any real talent, at least no talent that anybody could explain in a family-appropriate way.

She co-starred in a sex tape and then all of a sudden, she and her entire family are all reality superstars. And then the thing that got her famous, she doesn't even do anymore!

So the problem we then had with Kanye was that homeboy could do better than her. But in a new song from his Cruel Summer compilation album, Kanye is brutally honest about his mate.

"My girl a superstar, all from a home movie," he raps on the track Clique, an excerpt of which was made available by TMZ. We'd gladly quote more lyrics, but in trying to find the full song online, so many of the links on YouTube were decoys, where aspiring rappers tag their tracks as "Kanye West — Clique."

Who does that? That's not the way to get famous! Make a sextape, get a reality show, date one of the greatest rappers ever and then have him or her talk about you honestly!

Jessica Simpson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

'I let myself indulge in everything I wanted': Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson doesn't have any illusions about why she put on weight during her pregnancy, but she's learning a thing or two about how hard it is to get rid of.

"I let myself indulge in everything I wanted because it was the first time I was ever pregnant, and I wanted to enjoy it," Simpson tells USA Today.

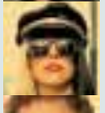
"I didn't realize (the weight) didn't all come off with the baby." Still, Simpson says she's trying — and doesn't appreciate being judged by the standards of other famous women.

"My body is not bouncing back like a supermodel," says Simpson. "I'm just your everyday woman who is trying to feel good and be healthy for her daughter, her fiancé and herself."

Twitter

@JessicaSimpson
24 is my new treadmill show!! How have I not watched this show before now?!?! Jack Bauer is my hero!

@hitRECordJoe
Anyone know any good jokes?



@ladygaga
MAJORLY trolled by a fan tonight who lured me with a heart sign, i then ran around the entire catwalk w it, + the back actually said "HIGH"

@AlbertBrooks
Are you better off than you were 4 years ago? Physically? No way.

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COCO ROCHA

Coco Rocha — the Canadian supermodel who's worked with Versace, D&G, Lanvin and many more — has more than one million followers on Google Plus, Twitter and Instagram combined. Here, the 23-year-old tells Metro's Romina McGuinness what's behind all that sharing — and who she's excited about during all those fashion weeks.

SOCIAL MEDIA STAR

What designers are you most excited about this season?
A good friend of mine is Zac Posen so I'm always in love with his work. Then there's Jason Wu, Helmut Lang, McQueen, Balmain, Jean Paul Gaultier and Chanel."

What do you look for in an item of clothing or an outfit?
The outfit needs to be either really crazy or really couture. Unless I'm shopping for your average tee, I like one of a kind sort of things. I love vintage because each piece of clothing is unique and has its own story. I got the chance to go to Elizabeth Taylor's auction and buy one of her outfits that I wore to the Met Ball. It was the perfect statement dress. I tweeted how there was a wine stain on the dress and asked my followers to spot it. On the red carpet, people were like, show us the wine stain!

Why do you think fashion matters?
It's funny when people pretend to not care about fashion. I'm not one to say 'fashion is the future!' We're not curing cancer, but I do believe in the industry. People might say, 'don't worry about fashion, it's just clothes,' but clothes is exactly how you're portrayed. We're all about image in this world. If you want to be taken in a certain way, it's down to the way you look. As much as people would like to think fashion is nothing, it plays a huge part in how people dictate who you are.

The fashion industry is competitive, but you've maintained a sense of humour.
Most people think models are competitive, but with the girls of my calibre, the ones I grew up with, we're not like that. We're close friends, it's kind of like fashion high school. I try not to take myself too seriously. I'm not a model who thinks she's saving the world but some girls and boys look up to me so I want to be a good role model. I'd like people to think that I was a quirky little nerd in school and came to grow into myself to become something that — who knew I could?

People tend to love or hate social media. Why did you decide to make it yours?
At the beginning of my career, there was no social media. I never had the chance to speak on my behalf. You'd see a photo of me, but who was that person? If I did an interview, it was up to the interviewer to decide how I'd sound. With social media, I started a blog. I knew that if this 'blog' thing became something, I could use this platform to stand up for myself. I tried hard with Twitter but at first I was like, this thing will never catch on!

Yeah, so why do you feel the need to share personal moments with your Instagram followers?
My job is to show photos of myself but that's not always the reality. I go to work and play Coco the model but that's not Coco. I don't have those cheekbones! I really am a plain girl too. It's funny how interested people are in a models' normal life. I think a picture of me watching TV is pretty boring but apparently, it's the most fabulous thing.

What do you think about the use of Photoshop? Necessary or useless?
It's fine to remove a blemish or some fuzzies in your hair. But when you remove my arm or my waist and tell people, 'this is who she is,' you're playing with fire. Guess what? That's not how I look. It's almost telling me, the model, I still wasn't good enough. When Elle Brazil ignored my contract that stipulated no nudity and used Photoshop to remove my body suit, I felt violated. I looked pretty much topless. It's like if I went up to a woman and took her top off in front of the whole world.

You've been called the "Queen of Posing." What's in a pose other than face angles and hip jutting?
It's about confidence. Most models are the quirky, dorky girl from school put in a situation where she's supposedly beautiful and unique and with all these people counting on her and she's like, 'what am I doing?'

During fashion weeks, Coco will be filming The Face, a new supermodel reality show co-starring Naomi Campbell and Nigel Barker. Follow her: @cocorocha and at cocorocha.com.

Top 5

Coco's top five tips for becoming a social media superstar.

1. Make friends. Follow certain people related to your industry and communicate with them. In return, when they communicate with you, you'll build up your audience because their followers will be like, who is she talking to and why?

2. Give original information. I try not to re-blog or re-post other people's comments unless it was so amazing and hilarious. I give information that is mine so that it goes out to the public and then back to me.

3. Be responsible. Your workmates are going to see this, not just your friends. In the end, your bosses can see it.

4. Be visual. Make your site look beautiful. Don't just put up a photo of you hanging out in the bathroom.

5. Express yourself. On Instagram, a lot of people just take a photo and put it up. I take about 15 of the same thing until I've got the perfect photo, then play with it and see how it looks and only then do I publish it.

On the Web

New event home among fresh changes afoot for Montreal Fashion Week

Enter your home in style

Design Centre. A reader gets advice on how to organize and jazz up her front entrance

I have a small front entrance to my new townhouse and I'd like some ideas to make it look more attractive yet have it be functional too.

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It's that time of the year where back to school and work means backpacks, briefcases, shoes, coats and purses get dropped by the front door when we get home from a long day.

Your front entrance not only needs to be functional for your daily routine, but attractive for guests who enter your home.

From organizing to decorating, here's a few ideas to create a well organized and attractive entrance.

Be decorative

• Paint the inside of the front door a jazzy colour in gloss paint. Hang a large mirror to make a tight space feel visually larger. Lay a decorative yet durable runner for comfort and colour under foot.

Add slim furniture

• Place a narrow console table near the front door to hold flowers and mail. Add a storage bench to sit on and store shoes. Hang floating shelves to display candles and decorative objects.

Where to splurge

• A decorative light fixture is always a good investment and if you move it can always go with you. Make sure it gives off enough light to brighten the entire entrance as chandelier-style fixtures often don't put out the amount of light needed.

• If your house gets light foot traffic at the front door then splurge on an attractive hall runner rug. A durable front door mat can always help trap dirt and offer a place for shoes to rest near the front door.

• A wireless touch-light will help brighten the inside of the closet; I suggest hanging one above coat level and one below coat level to ensure you see everything on the upper shelves and shoes below.

• Quality wooden hangers and storage boxes will help attractively organize your closet into a place you want to hang your coat each night.

Red Mahogany Wood Hangers, $9/set of 4

Oversized wooden hangers are strong for all the coats in the closet. BedBathAndBeyond.ca.

Infinity Console Table, $298

A sleek 12-inch console table is the perfect size for a small foyer. HomeDepot.ca

Victorian Hotel Pendant, $1675

A splurge of quality lighting will help to create a great impression when coming home. RestorationHardware.com

Gabbeh Modern 31"x 90", $363

All wool Gabbeh style hall runner makes a colourful statement when entering the house. EcarpetGallery.com

Green spaces for kids

A more natural playtime

What's a natural playground? And who builds them?
-Jodi of Toronto

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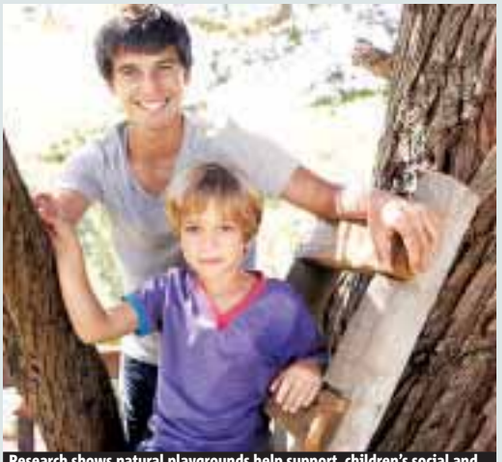

Research shows natural playgrounds help support children's social and physical development. ISTOCK IMAGES

Natural playgrounds bring children back to nature! Imagine a schoolyard, daycare or public park with fallen logs, tree stumps to sit on, vertical log forts and a slide built into the side of a hill.

Now what's the playground like at your kids' school or your neighbourhood community centre? Is it a concrete jungle gym or a welcoming green space?

Research shows that natural playgrounds provide more variety of play opportunities, supporting social interaction and physical development for children.

They also meet a child's individual needs according to stages of development, learning styles, personality types, friendship patterns and culture. Access to green spaces can even improve academic performance.

A growing number of physicians are prescribing Vitamin "N", for nature, because time outside is known to moderate the effects of stressful events. Kids who spend more time in nature are more resilient and cope better.

Of course, no playground is risk-free. But those that are well-designed provide opportunities for children to engage in healthy risk-taking. If playgrounds are too safe, kids won't learn to assess risk.

Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds was the first company to create these types of playgrounds in Canada. Learn more at naturalplaygrounds.ca.

They specialize in design and consulting and hold workshops across the country to help people customize school and community playgrounds. Their goal is to create spaces that reflect the natural heritage of a site — rolling hills, pathways, boulders and logs — where children and families are encouraged to explore.

So while traditional playgrounds restrict children to specific activities and limit creative play, natural playgrounds are able to increase attention spans in children, raise school grades, decrease absenteeism and increase collaborative play and learning.

Not bad.

Talk to your family

Organ and tissue donation saves lives.

As a guitarist, my eldest brother Graeme inspired me to learn to play; as a weightlifter, he used to show off by bench-pressing me above his head; and later, when I was bullied in school, he would pick me up in his boat of a car, looking intimidating in black clothes, covered in tattoos.

In his early 30s, he was diagnosed with kidney disease—he never showed it, he never looked or seemed sick... I was shocked when I found out that he would need a transplant.

My hope came in the form of my brother's friend since high school, Todd, who offered his own kidney to save my brother's life...

Adrienne, a grateful sister

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Delicious bites coming to a television near you

On TV

Show's 3rd season hits the road

Looking for some inspiration for your next dinner party or some advice on what not to do? Season three of W Network's Come Dine with Me Canada has you covered.

Launching with five back-to-back episodes on Sept. 10, this time around the show hits the road to travel to Edmonton and Charlottetown.

Come Dine with Me Canada follows five amateur chefs as they vie for the title of ultimate dinner party host. Each night, five strangers take turns hosting a dinner party. Then participants secretly score their host on a scale of one to 10. The host with the most points at the end of the five nights wins a $1,000 cash prize. METRO

Come Dine With Me Canada. As the show sets to return for another season, get in the mood with contestant recipes

Beef Wellington by Sandra Latcham of Toronto

1. In food processor pulse mushrooms to rough paste. Scrape into pan and cook over a high heat, 10 mins., tossing frequently. Spread out on a plate to cool.

2. Heat frying pan and add a little olive oil. Season beef with salt and pepper; sear in hot pan 30 secs. Remove from pan and leave to cool. Once beef is cooled, spread top with Dijon mustard, top off with mushrooms and roll Parma ham over whole piece. Set aside.

3. Roll out puff pastry on floured surface to large rectangle. Cut into 4 equal pieces. Lay beef in the centre. Brush surrounding pastry with egg yolk. Fold ends over, wrap pastry around beef, cutting off any excess. Turn over, so seam is underneath, and place on baking sheet. Brush over pastry with egg and chill 15 mins to let pastry rest.

4. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F).

5. Lightly score pastry at 1 cm intervals and glaze again with beaten egg yolk. Bake 20 mins., lower oven setting to 180 C (350 F) and bake another 15 mins. Allow to rest 15 mins. before slicing and serving with accompaniments. Beef should still be pink in centre when served.

Haricots Verts, Roquefort, Black Walnuts & Crispy Prosciutto

1. Bring pot of water to boil. Add beans and blanche 2 mins. Drain and put in ice bath.

2. Pan fry prosciutto in skillet until crispy and remove.

3. Put beans back in skillet, add Roquefort cheese and walnuts and toss till warm and melted. Garnish with Prosciutto.

Ingredients

Beef Wellington (individual)
- 400 g portobello mushrooms, roughly chopped
- Sea salt and black pepper
- Olive oil, for cooking
- 750 g prime beef fillet
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 8 slices of Parma ham
- 500 g ready-made puff pastry
- Flour, to dust
- 2 egg yolks, beaten

Haricots Verts, Roquefort, Black Walnuts & Prosciutto
- 1 lb French green beans
- 4 oz Roquefort, crumbled
- 1 1/2 cups walnuts, chopped & toasted
- 4 strips prosciutto
- Salt and pepper to taste

Gratin Dauphinoise
- 5 cloves garlic
- 4 lbs russet potatoes, peeled
- Salt, pepper and nutmeg
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 4 tbsp butter cut into bits
- 2 tbsp mixed chopped fresh chives and parsley

Beef Wellington & Crispy Prosciutto with Gratin Dauphinoise

This Beef Wellington is sure to impress guests. PROPER TELEVISION

Gratin Dauphinoise

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Butter 3 L baking dish. Sprinkle about half of chopped garlic on bottom and sides of dish.

2. Use mandolin to cut potatoes in slices. Arrange layer of potato slices in prepared dish, overlapping. Season with salt, pepper, nutmeg. Pour spoons of cream over potatoes. Sprinkle with some remaining garlic. Repeat layer until potatoes and garlic used. Pour in remaining creams and dot with butter.

3. Bake until potatoes very tender and have absorbed all cream and are golden brown on top, about 1 to 1.5 hours. To help gratin develop brown crust, raise heat to 400 F for last 15 minutes.

4. Sprinkle each portion with fresh herbs. SANDRA LATCHAM

Summer flavours inspire Dajana's Shrimp Bruschetta

This Shrimp Bruschetta makes a great appetizer. PROPER TELEVISION

"This tasty appetizer was inspired by the flavours of summer and is my twist on bruschetta, with the addition of plump shrimp and creamy avocado," says Come Dine with Me contestant Dajana Fabjanovich of Edmonton. "It also happens to be one of my favourite things to make, especially if I'm hosting a dinner party or if I need a delicious easy-peasy dish to bring to a friend's potluck."

1. Combine shrimp, lemon rind and juice, capers, chopped basil, garlic, tomatoes and avocados in a bowl.

2. Chill in refrigerator. Serve on crostini or with tortilla chips. RECIPE COURTESY OF DAJANA FABJANOVICH

Ingredients
- 1 lb cooked shrimp, chopped
- Rind of 1 lemon, grated
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp capers
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups tomatoes, diced
- 1 – 2 avocados, cubed

Moon Shine. Prince Edward Island's Nancy pays ode to her province

Add a splash of fun to your party with this colourful drink. PROPER TELEVISION

"Moon Shine is an Island tradition and was the choice of drink back in the day," says Come Dine With Me contestant Nancy Stewart of Prince Edward Island.

"I wanted to put PEI in the spotlight — and what better way than to make it 'Shine'.

"I served my guests Moon Shine because I knew after a few drinks it would hit them like White Lightening."

1. Mix up all ingredients and enjoy. RECIPE COURTESY OF NANCY STEWART

Ingredients
- Lime Rickey Soda
- Lots of Ice
- 1 or 2 oz of Island 75% proof Moonshine

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Computers and tablets. Top selections to stay on top of your studies this school year

Apple iPad — $519 and up.

Asus Transformer Pad — $369.

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Computers and tablets are quickly replacing pens and paper in the classroom. In fact, some schools are now making them a requirement. Here are some of the best picks for your student heading back to class.

Samsung Series 9 Ultrabook — $1,499

Samsung's Series 9 ultrabook is designed to impress. This new breed of laptop sports a beautiful sand-blasted aluminum finish and is only 0.6 inches thick. You will never miss taking notes at the start of a lecture again as it holds the record for the fastest start-up time of any laptop at just 8.4 seconds.

MacBook Air — $1,029 and up

Backpacks are heavy enough without weighing them down with a hefty laptop. Apple's MacBook Air lives up to its name as it weighs only 2.38 pounds. Next-generation Flash storage means there are no moving parts so your laptop remains quiet while in class. The MacBook Air also features aThunderbolt port along with two USB 3 ports to ensure ultra-fast data transfers.

Nexus 7 Tablet — $209 and up

When it comes to tablets, cheaper isn't always better, but somehow Google has managed to create a high-performance device that's easy on the wallet. This tablet, co-developed with Asus, features a Tegra 3 quad-core processor that results in incredible performance. The Nexus 7 has a seven-inch screen so you can easily hold it with one hand. You will also have tens of thousands of apps to choose from through Google Play.

Asus Transformer Pad — $369

Designed for those who aren't completely sold on the idea of a touch-screen tablet. This HD tablet can be snapped into an optional keyboard dock, turning it into a laptop. The top-notch quad-core processor ensures quality performance while providing a stellar 15-hour battery.

Apple iPad — $519 and up

You can't deny the clarity of the new iPad's Retina display. With one million more pixels than your HDTV, text is crisp, clean, and easy to read, just as if you were reading a paperback book. With more and more educational institutes making courses available through iTunes U, the iPad is an easy choice for students looking for a premium tablet.

HP Omni 27 — $1,299

All-in-one computers are quickly becoming the popular choice since they take up less space than traditional tower style computers. The HP Omni features a whopping 27-inch screen that can be wall mounted to give you more space on your desk. The wireless keyboard and mouse keep your work area nice and tidy. This computer also features Beats audio stereo speakers plus HDMI port and an optional TV tuner so you can use it for both homework and entertainment.

Clockwise, from top, MacBook Air — $1,029 and up, Samsung Series 9 Ultrabook — $1,499, HP Omni 27 — $1,299, and Nexus 7 Tablet — $209 and up.

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CFL

Owens is offensive player of the week

Toronto slotback Chad Owens has been named the CFL's offensive player of the week, while teammate Ahmad Carroll took defensive honours. Owens had 176 receiving yards and one touchdown vs. Hamilton on Labour Day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chad Owens
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Mixed martial arts

St-Pierre-Silva superfight 'pretty close,' says White

UFC boss Dana White says should Georges St-Pierre defeat Carlos Condit, the Canadian mixed martial arts star will likely take on middleweight champion Anderson Silva next.

"I think we're pretty close," White, speaking on the UFC on Fuel TV show, said of the proposed superfight between the two champions.

The 31-year-old St-Pierre (22-2) has not fought this year because of a knee injury but was recently given a clean bill of health and is expected to meet Condit, the interim title holder, later this year.

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NFL

"You're not trying to get autographs from them, you're trying to win a game."

Rookie QB Andrew Luck on facing pro bowlers Julius Peppers and Brian Urlacher when his Indianapolis Colts take on the Chicago Bears this Sunday

The chronicles of Roddick end at Flushing Meadows

Andy Roddick waves to the crowd after losing to Juan Martin Del Potro on Wednesday in New York. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Tennis. Crowd favourite chokes back tears in final games of his career

More than an hour after hitting one last shot as a professional tennis player, then delivering one last, voice-wavering speech to an adoring U.S. Open audience, Andy Roddick exited the locker room one last time.

Accompanied by his wife and other family members, a black baseball cap tugged low over his eyes, Roddick slung a racket bag off his aching right shoulder — the one responsible for so many high-speed aces, violent forehands and the most recent Grand Slam title by an American man — and tossed the equipment in the back of a waiting van.

He won't need that any longer.

Serenaded by choruses of "Let's go, Andy!" that rang through Arthur Ashe Stadium in the closing moments of his career, 2003 U.S. Open champion Roddick headed into retirement with a 6-7 (1), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 loss to 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday.

"If we do badly, then it costs us something; if we do well, we get great things. This was about something bigger. It wasn't about ranking points or paycheques or anything else," Roddick said. "This week I felt like I was 12 years old, playing in a park. It was extremely innocent. That was fun. I enjoyed it."

It was a bittersweet goodbye, for the fans who gave him a standing ovation at the end — del Potro joined in, rising from his changeover chair to applaud — and for Roddick himself.

He covered his face with a white towel while seated on the sideline after sailing a running forehand long with the final swing of his racket. Earlier, he appeared to be trying to avoid crying while serving in the next-to-last game; in the stands, his wife, model-actress Brooklyn Decker, stuck a finger underneath her dark sunglasses to wipe away her tears.

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"Oh, wow. For the first time in my career, I'm not sure what to say."

An emotional Andy Roddick's opening line in an on-court address to the audience.

Women's action

Serena overpowers another opponent

Fourth-seeded Serena Williams served 12 aces Wednesday night to bring her total to 41 for the tournament and move to the semifinals with a typically overpowering victory, 6-1, 6-3 over Ana Ivanovic.

Williams got 29 first serves in and won the point on 26 of them. She faced two break points and saved both of them. She has lost a total of 16 games through five matches.

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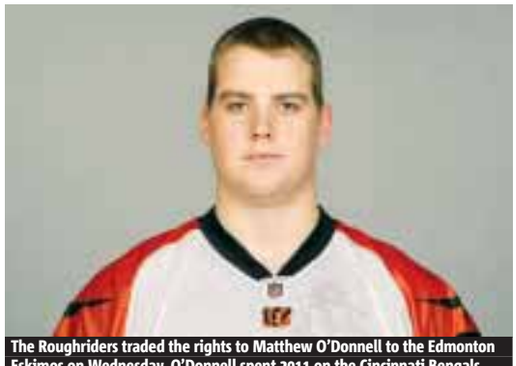
Serena Williams GETTY IMAGES

Riders send O'Donnell to Eskimos for Carr



The Roughriders traded the rights to Matthew O'Donnell to the Edmonton Eskimos on Wednesday. O'Donnell spent 2011 on the Cincinnati Bengals practice roster. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Edmonton Eskimos have acquired the rights to offensive lineman Matthew O'Donnell from the Saskatchewan Roughriders in exchange for wide receiver Greg Carr, the club announced Wednesday.

O'Donnell was drafted by the Roughriders in the second round of the 2011 CFL Canadian draft, but he opted to sign with the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.

He spent the 2011 season on the Bengals practice roster and was cut by the team this season.

The Comox, B.C., native played college football with Queen's University in the CIS. He was named the top CIS offensive lineman twice in 2009 and 2010, earning all-Canadian honours both years.

Quoted

"From our perspective, we are very pleased to gain the rights to a quality young Canadian offensive tackle."

Eskimos GM Eric Tillman on Matthew O'Donnell

"Matthew's development began at Queen's, a program we hold in high regard, and we feel he's made substantial improvement during his time with the Cincinnati Bengals, via two training camps and a full year on their practice squad," Eskimos general manager Eric Tillman said in a statement.

Carr signed with Edmonton as a free agent during the 2012 off-season. The 26-year-old appeared in six games with the Eskimos registering 19 receptions for 214 yards and one touchdown.

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Mobile sports

Imagine if an athlete checked into a clinic to get his legs artificially lengthened, then came back to beat Usain Bolt over 200 metres on surgically improved limbs. Is such a day far off? Scan the code for the story.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
It seems you can do no wrong where affairs of the heart are concerned. You are affectionate in the extreme at the moment, but you must be selective. Try not to fall madly in love with everyone!

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Moderation is a must because if you go too far you will find it hard to stop. By all means have fun but be wary of people who try to persuade you to go places and do things that invite trouble.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
People you meet while traveling or socializing will be fun and there is even a chance of romance. You are advised though not to take new relationships too seriously. They are unlikely to stand the test of time.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You need cheering up a bit and if spending money does it for you then go right ahead. There are worse things in life than splashing out on the occasional luxury, and no one can say you don't deserve it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Venus in your sign over the next few weeks will make you more laid back than usual but there is a danger that you could be a bit too casual in your ways. Also, keep personal feelings out of business matters.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
By all means, help others in need but first make sure that they are genuine and deserving cases. Sadly, some people will feign all sorts of misfortune just to get a few extra bucks. Don't fall for it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will go out of your way to avoid confrontation today, which is good, but don't give so much that others come to expect it of you. Yes, it is possible to be too nice.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to be suspicious if someone in a position of authority suddenly seems to think you are the best thing since sliced bread. It's possible they are after something but more likely they genuinely appreciate you.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This should be a productive day for you but don't try too hard or you might strain something. Good things will come your way whether or not you make much of an effort, so sit back and let it happen.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you need to discuss matters related to your wealth, such as investments or property, this is as good a day as any. Know what you want but be prepared to compromise too. Everyone can be a winner.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Venus moves into your opposite sign of Leo today, making you more open and affectionate than usual. Any relationship problems you've been having can easily be resolved. All it requires is a bit of give and take.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Wishful thinking may be fun but it does not pay the bills. Two things are needed now: a clear goal and a realistic idea of how you are going to get from where you are to where you want to be.

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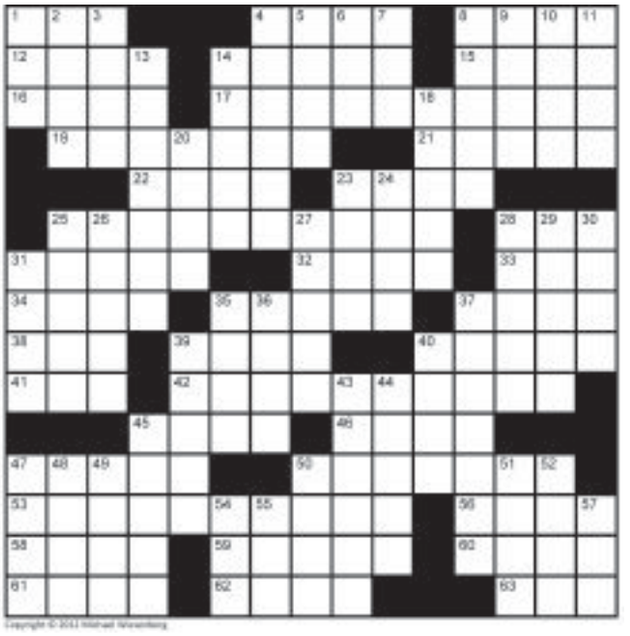
Crossword: A PM, Distance, and Two Flora

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Big ___: large truck
4. Drink in one gulp
8. Apple attachment
12. "___ I care" (2 wds.)
14. Scarlett ___
15. Skin opening
16. Lima's land
17. 21st PM (2003-2006) (2 wds.)
19. Author of a mournful poem lamenting the dead
21. Vancouver CFL Team
22. Boor
23. Ship's jail
25. Trans-Canada Highway distances
28. "I ___ You, Babe": Sonny and Cher hit
31. Hereditary units
32. Chair or bench
33. "Mais, ___!"
34. Praise
35. Pick ___: draw from the deck (magician's instruction) (2 wds)
37. Either point of a crescent moon
38. Corn, form, or cycle prefix
39. At some distance
40. Hudson's Bay Company's early stock
41. Ancient Egyptian boy king
42. Prominent Prairie Provinces feature
45. Long, long time
46. "___ That a Shame"
47. "I Can't ___ Satisfaction": Rolling Stones (2 wds.)
50. Neither animal nor vegetable
53. BC's wooded tropical region (2 wds.)
56. Grandson of Adam who reputedly lived to 905
58. ___ of Man or Capri
59. Leonard ___: *Star Trek* Spock portrayer
60. Comedy sketch
61. Head: Fr.
62. Black
63. Donkey

Down
1. Eminem's forte
2. "Understood!" (2 wds.)
3. Young female
4. Pure and virtuous
5. High: Fr.
6. http://www.metronews.ca, e.g.
7. Attractive leg, slangily
8. Bit of mistletoe or holly
9. Dorothy's dog
10. ___ go bragh
11. ___ room: loo
13. Gassed up
14. Drug from poppies
18. Like top-name celebrities (2 wds.)
20. Sticky substances
23. Uncle Remus character ___ Rabbit
24. Peruse
25. Canadian star Reeves
26. Yukon natives
27. Bygone Russian despots
28. Elliott of *Ocean's 11, 12, 13*
29. Boots from office
30. Restaurant table leavings
31. Surfeit
35. Bushy hairdo
36. *The Godfather* actor James
37. Shopping ___: malls
39. ___ Aquarius, Innocence, or Reason (2 wds.)
40. Window unit
43. Printemps, par exemple
44. Covered with tiny cloth fibers
45. Year: Fr.
47. Canadian Liberal
48. Let up on
49. Full ___: at top speed
50. Short note
51. Ottawa-born singer-composer Paul
52. ___ *& Clark*: American television series based on the Superman comic books
54. Single
55. Adam's ___: Eve's "source"
57. Yonge in Toronto and Main in Winnipeg: abbr.

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	3	9		4		1		
2								7
6		5		8				
9		2	4			6		
	8						1	
		6			7	8		2
				6		3		1
5								8
		4		9		5	7	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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